

CHAPTER 13**(HCR 119)**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION designating September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Kentucky.

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children, with more than 2,300 children across the United States losing their lives to it every year; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of cancer among children in the United States is rising by about one percent each year; and

WHEREAS, 1 in every 330 American develops cancer before age 20 and approximately eight percent of deaths of those between 1 and 19 years old are caused by cancer; and

WHEREAS, cancer during childhood effects all ethnic groups, socioeconomic classes, and geographical regions; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer has a devastating effect on both the child and the family as they deal with physical and emotional long-term effects from the disease; and

WHEREAS, fifteen other states have designated September as Childhood Cancer Awareness month;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:

Section 1. The month of September is designated as Childhood Cancer Awareness month and all citizens are encouraged to honor childhood cancer patients, survivors, and their families and caretakers, and those young people who have lost their lives to this devastating disease.

Approved March 15, 2006.